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SUBJECT: CCMS: FALL PLENARY DISASTER ASSISTANCE FOLLOW-UP

REF: (A) STATE 229796, (B) C-M(58)102 (1971 EDITION)

1. REGARDING PARAGRAPH 9 OF REF (A), THE CIVIL DEFENSE
COMMITTEE (CDC) INTENDS TO REVIEW THE DISASTER ASSISTANCE
PROCEDURES CONTAINED IN C-M(58)102 (1971 EDITION) IN LIGHT
OF THE ITALIAN EARTHQUAKE EXPERIENCE. PROPOSALS WILL BE PUT
FORWARD AT THE OCTOBER CDC MEETING TO IMPROVE NATO-WIDE IN-
FORMATION EXCHANGE IN DISASTER SITUATIONS.

2. FOR INSTANCE, IT WILL BE SUGGESTED THAT THE CIVIL
EMERGENCY PLANNING DIRECTORATE MAINTAIN AN UP-TO-DATE LIST OF
PERSONS HAVING DISASTER ASSISTANCE RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE VARIOUS
NATO CAPITALS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 4 OF REF (B).

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IT WILL ALSO BE RECOMMENDED THAT ASSISTING COUNTRIES

CONFORM MORE CLOSELY TO PARAGRAPH 18 OF REF (B) BY PROVIDING SPECIFIC DETAILS ABOUT WHAT THEY INTEND TO SUPPLY TO A STRICKEN COUNTRY.

3. THE ITALIAN CCMS AND CEP REP (SALVO) INTENDS TO SUGGEST TO OZDAS THAT AN ITALIAN EXPERT ADDRESS THE CCMS PLENARY, WITH THE CDC REPS IN ATTENDANCE, TO REPORT ON THE DISASTER RELIEF OPERATIONS FOLLOWING THE MAY 6 ITALIAN EARTHQUAKE. IF THE DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS IT WORTHWHILE, WE WILL SUPPORT ITALIAN REP'S SUGGESTION. ATTENDANCE BY THE CDC REPS MIGHT BE BENEFICIAL WHEN NEWS IS DISCUSSED. IN THE MAIN, THESE REPS ARE ALSO KEY OFFICIALS IN ALLIED COUNTRIES' DISASTER OPERATIONS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT YOU ADVISE US WHETHER OR NOT WE SHOULD SUPPORT ITALIAN REP'S SUGGESTION. STRAUSSZ-HUPE UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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